



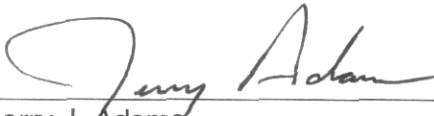
**CITY OF LODI
COUNCIL COMMUNICATION**

AGENDA TITLE: Police Awards Presentation
MEETING DATE: March 3, 2004
PREPARED BY: Jerry J. Adams, Chief of Police

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Chief Jerry Adams will make presentations of the Police Appreciation Awards for 2004.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: Chief Adams will present the 2004 awards for Officer of the Year, Police Employee of the Year, Volunteer of the Year, and various service medals and citations

FUNDING: None

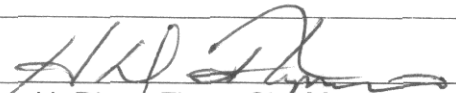


Jerry J. Adams
Chief of Police

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APPROVED:



H. Dixon Flynn, City Manager

2004 AWARD RECIPIENTS

John Whisler ~ Officer of the Year

Officer Whisler has been a police officer for the City of Lodi over 26 years. He is receiving this award because of his hard work on the Major Accident Investigation Team (MAIT) Team, as a Field Evidence Technician (FET), and his tremendous work as a School Resource Officer (SRO). John is looked upon as the finest FET on our department. He leaves no stone uncovered. John has also put together several "Meet the Beat" events which partnered the police department with elementary schools.

Jennifer Root ~ Employee of the Year

Jennifer Root was hired as a dispatcher/jailer in January, 1998. She was promoted to lead dispatcher/jailer in June, 2001. She is responsible for the training of new dispatcher/jailer employees. Jennifer volunteers for Special Olympics and is the department's liaison. She assists with such benefits as tip a cop, fire engine pull, summer games, golf tournament, buck for badges to aid the Special Olympics — she is a trainer for the California Law Enforcement Technology System (CLETS) Computerized Users Group (CCUG). This is a volunteer group for training in the use of the CLETS system. She is currently the Assistant Director for the Northern Chapter. Jennifer has participated in the Relay for Life. This program aids in the research of cancer.

Charlie Gardella ~ Volunteer of the Year

Charlie was one of the original PARTNERS continuing his service to the Department for over ten years. He has volunteered for all activities the PARTNERS are responsible for. He is one of those individuals that believes in community service and is willing to be called out any time of the day or night.

Val Chaban ~ Life Saving Award

Corporal Chaban responded to a shooting incident between rival gangs and was the first officer on scene. Two victims had been shot, one critically. There was a third victim suffering from facial injuries. Information was that the shooting suspects were in the adjacent residence. Emergency medical personnel would not enter the area due to the risk. Val carried one of the shooting victims out of the area to a safe zone so paramedics could attempt to save the victim's life.

Mike Kermgard & Mike Manetti ~ Meritorious Service Award

Officers Kermgard and Manetti put a tremendous amount of work into the Police Department's website. Some of the time was on their off duty hours. Those viewing the website can easily appreciate the hard work these two officers put into it.

Larry Manetti & David Main ~ Chief's Award

Both Captain Manetti and Captain Main have been working on the recently completed Police Department Building for years. The building was conceived as an idea that survived the ups and downs of funding to the daily crisis and decision making of the physical building of the project.

Scott Bratton ~ Life Saving Citation

While working patrol, Officer Bratton found a stabbing victim near the city library. The victim had lost a great deal of blood. Officer Bratton quickly provided first aid until emergency medical personnel arrived. Emergency medical personnel stated that the victim may have expired if it were not for Officer Bratton's quick aid.

Teresa Perry ~ Citizen Service Award

Ms. Perry came upon a motorcycle vs. pick-up traffic accident on Lower Sacramento Road. Others citizens were on scene, but it was Ms. Perry who stepped forward to assist the critically injured motorcyclist until emergency medical personnel arrived. Without Ms. Perry's assistance the motorcycle rider may have suffered greater consequences.

Grant Plath ~ Citizen Service Award

Mr. Plath, a Park Program Coordinator for the Lodi Parks and Recreation Department, happened to be conducting business at the finance department when he observed a toddler playing in the lobby area. As Grant was leaving the building he noticed the toddler had strayed away from his mother and went outside. The toddler started for the street as his mother called for him to stop. Grant saw what was going on and called to the toddler. The toddler continued to move toward the street. Grant quickly ran and grabbed the toddler pulling him from the path of an oncoming vehicle. Grant himself was almost hit by the vehicle as he grabbed the toddler.